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Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to a new violation of the flight information region of Nicosia by two military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force on 26 January 1998. On that day, at 13.30 hours, two Turkish F-16 military planes entered the Nicosia flight information region from a north-westerly direction, exiting at 14.26 in a northerly direction.

As stated in my previous letters, such unauthorized intrusions into the Nicosia flight information region are in violation of international law and international air traffic regulations.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to protest strongly against the new violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, which is in complete disregard of the Charter of the United Nations and relevant Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

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